

**Board of Registration of Massage Therapy**  
**June 12, 2017, Public Session Meeting Minutes**  
**Location: 1000 Washington St., Boston, MA 02118, Room 1D**

**Present:**

**Board members present:**

Paul Andrews, Board Chair  
Alexei Levine, Vice Chair  
Matthew Olds, Board Member  
Ann Marie Kennedy, Board Member

**DPL Staff present:**

Ana Garcia, Executive Director  
Peter Kelley, Board Counsel  
Joann Termine, Board Administrator

**Board member not present:**

Jennie Pelletier, Board member  
Sheri Sarmento, Board Secretary

**Item 1) 10:06 a.m.      Meeting called to order:**

- **Housekeeping and Evacuation Procedure**—Executive Director detailed the evacuation plan to be followed in the event of an emergency.

**Item 2) 10:08 a.m.      Board Meeting Minutes:**

- **Public Minutes**—tabled for July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **Executive Minutes**- tabled for July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Item 3) 10:09 a.m.      Board Counsel Report:**

- Board counsel updates board on preliminary draft of board's discussion at the May monthly board meeting on the differences between massage as defined in the board's statutes and the modalities exempt and characterized as bodywork. This language will be added to the June 12<sup>th</sup> public minutes for board review and approval.

**Item 4) 10:15 a.m.      Curriculum Review:**

- The board reviewed and discussed the 650 hour massage program offered at Elizabeth Grady School of Esthetics & Massage Therapy. The curriculum was submitted for occupational school licensure renewal. After review and discussion Mr. Levine moved to approve the curriculum for the 650 hour massage program offered at the Elizabeth Grady School of Esthetics & Massage Therapy. Mr. Andrews seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 5) 10:20 a.m.      Application Review:**

- 2017-20-MT-MT-APP [MGH] - Applicant submitted an application for initial licensure with deficiency of 60 hours in required hours for massage theory and technique. Previously licensed, applicant has been unlicensed since 2009 and took national examination for certification in or about 2002. Board requires examination on or after 2010. Motion by Mr. Andrews either to retake examination or to make up hours of deficiency. Seconded by Mrs. Kennedy. Motion passed unanimously.

*At 10:25 a.m. Executive Director recused herself for discussion of 2017-109-MT-MF-APP [AL].*

- 2017-109-MT-MF-APP [AL]- Solo establishment operator submitted variance request for hand washing unit, exceeding the interior specification requirement of 50ft to the closest treatment room. After review and discussion, Mr. Olds motioned to approve the variance request. Mr. Levine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

*At 10:30 a.m. Executive Director re-entered the conference room.*

**Item 6) 10:30 a.m. Investigative Conference: Review Cases:** [closed session pursuant to MGL c. 112, §65C]

Mr. Olds moved to exit open session and enter closed session for the purposes of conducting investigatory conferences and settlement conferences pursuant to G. L. c. 112, § 65C and quasi-judicial conferences pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, § 18(5)(d). Seconded by Mrs. Kennedy. Motion passed unanimously.

During the Investigative conference the Board voted to take the following action

- **SA-MT-16-012 [ET]- Tabled**

**Item 7) 10:35 a.m. Final Decision and Order:** [Deliberative session: closed session pursuant to G.L.30A §18, 5(d)]

**Item 8) 11:15 a.m. Settlement Conference:** [closed session pursuant to MGL c. 112, §65C] [closed session pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §65C]

Board discussed settlement offers presented by prosecuting counsel.

Mr. Olds moved to exit closed session and enter open session. Ms. Levine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 9) 10:39 a.m. Candidate Interview:** [Executive Session-closed pursuant to G.L.c.30A, §21 (1)]

Mr. Olds moved to exit open session and enter executive session pursuant to G.L.30A §21(1) to discuss the character rather than competence of applicants for licensure. Mrs. Kennedy seconded. Following a roll call vote (all"yes"), motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Olds moved to exit executive session and to enter open session. Mrs. Kennedy seconded and following a roll call vote, all in favor, the motion passed.

**Item 10) 10:55 p.m.     New Business / Open Session:**

- Board discussed voting delegate to attend the 2017 FSTMB Annual Meeting in Tampa, FL. Motion by Mr. Levine to nominate Mr. Andrews as board delegate. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy and passed unanimously.

**Item 11) 11:00 a.m. Adjournment:**

Mrs. Kennedy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Olds seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ana Garcia

Executive Director